(d) The main discrepancies pointed out by the UPA are about (i) material: labour ratio of 60:40 as prescribed in the guidelines is not strictly observed (ii) non-cooperation of banks in sanctioning loans to the beneficiaries (iii) improper identification of clients (iv) accumulation of unspent balances with the field agencies etc.

(e) The State Government have reported that action has already been initiated to rectify these discrepancies.

Scheme for potable water to towns in the country

†3626. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNT1A: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had formulated a scheme in the year 1994 for providing adequate potable water to 2151 towns with less than twenty thousand population;

(b) if so, the details of number of towns out of these to which potable water has already been provided under this scheme, so far, State-wise; and

(c) the fresh steps contemplated by Government to be taken to complete the early implementation of this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir. To supplement the efforts of the State Governments for providing water supply facilities to the towns having population less than 20,000 (as per 1991 census), a Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) was launched during 1993-94 on 50:50 sharing basis beween Centre and State.

(b) So far, water supply schemes for 660 towns, out of 2151 towns having population less than 20,000 as per 1991 census, have been approved under AUWSP. Out of 660 approved towns, water supply Schemes have already been commissioned in 240 towns. List of these towns is at Annexure. [See Appendix 195, Annexure No. 34]

(c) The Working Group on Urban Development, Water Supply & Sanitation and Urban Environment set up by Planning Commission for formulation ofTenth Five Year Plan, has recommended continuation of AUWSP during the Tenth Plan in towns with population less than 20,000 as per 2001 census. However, the outlay of AUWSP for the Tenth Plan has not been finalized.

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